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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.		Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner		Art Unit	
	Robert L. Nasser		3735	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 23-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 23,25 and 27-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 24 and 26 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>8/20/03</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 23, 25, and 27-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saab 5624392 in view of Fontenot et al 5344436. Saab shows a heat exchange catheter for being inserted into a body to exchange heat with the body. It does not disclose the fluid supply source. Fontenot et al teaches a mechanism for supplying fluid to a heat exchange device include a cassette that is removeable inserted into a controller. The combination teaches a method of exchanging heat including inserting a catheter into a body, connecting the cassette to a controller, circulating fluid through catheter to exchange heat at a first rate. It would have been obvious to modify Saab to use the fluid supply system of Fontenot, as it is merely the use of a known fluid supply device in the art. The combination does not have a second controller. However, the examiner takes official notice that in a hospital setting, it is known that patient's may periodically be moved from room to room and that the treatment or monitoring equipment the patient is using be reconnected to a new monitor or controller in the new room. Therefore, it is the examiner's position would have been obvious to modify the combination to use a separate controller in each room, to enable efficient transfer of patient, for example from surgery to recovery, or from ICU to a regular ward. Claim 25 is rejected in that the controllers can be operated at substantially different exchange

rates. Claim 28 is rejected in that the controller of Fontenot has a battery. Claim 29 is rejected in that the controller or Fontenot can be attached to a hospital bed.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saab in view of Fontenot et al as applied to claims 23, 25, 28, and 29 above, and further in view of Mahawili et al. Fontenot does not have the wheels. Mahawili shows a similar device on wheels. As such, it would have been obvious to modify the above combination to include wheels, as it is merely the substitution of one known equivalent controller for another.

Claims 24 and 26 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 24 defines over the art in that none of the art has two controllers in the same device. Claim 26 is rejected in that none of the art has two controllers of different sizes.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert L. Nasser whose telephone number is 571 272-4731. The examiner can normally be reached on m-f 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Marmor II can be reached on 571 272-4730. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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